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Information on Financial Aid and College Access

May is National Foster Care Month

FOSTERING FUTURES SCHOLARSHIP



May is National Foster Care Month, an opportunity for all of us to consider what we can do to help increase success in education for students who have experienced foster care. Roughly 13,000 children and youth are in Michigan's foster care system. MI Student Aid assists students who have experienced foster care by administering the Fostering Futures Scholarship.

The [Fostering Futures Scholarship](#) (FFS) is a program through the State of Michigan driven by charitable donations that provides eligible students with scholarship funds for tuition/fees, room/board, and books/supplies. While Student Scholarships and Grants (SSG) administers the funds of FFS, Michigan Education Trust (MET) works with individuals, community organizations, and businesses to encourage charitable donations for the program.

2016 Fostering Futures Scholarship Charitable Events:

Help make dreams a reality with the following upcoming Fostering Futures Scholarship charitable events. Donations help provide scholarships to students who have experienced foster care enrolled at Michigan colleges and universities. [Make a donation or reserve your ticket today!](#)

[Grand Rapids](#)

Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park
Thursday, June 23, 2016
6:00pm - 10:00pm

[Pizza Party Fundraiser on the Capitol Lawn](#)

Thursday, August 11, 2016
11:00am - 2:00pm

[Detroit](#)

Joe Louis Arena
Thursday, September 22, 2016
6:00pm - 10:00pm

MI Student Aid Hosting #MiFutureSoBright Contest

MI Student Aid and Sallie Mae are giving away a \$500 American Express gift card in the #MiFutureSoBright contest! To enter, like and comment on the contest post with a selfie wearing your shades, and use the #MiFutureSoBright hashtag. Visit www.facebook.com/mistudentaid to enter today!

Be one of three winners!

Hurry, all entries must be submitted by Thursday, May 26th!



MET's "Celebrate 5/29 Day" Sweepstakes

To celebrate 5/29 Day, the Michigan Education Trust (MET), Michigan's Section 529 prepaid tuition program is offering a sweepstakes to win \$529. Parents are encouraged to enter the "529 Day" contest for a chance to win \$529 that will be used to start a MET [Limited Benefits Pay-As-You-Go](#) contract. Current Pay-As-You-Go contract purchasers may opt to have \$529 deposited into their current contract provided this would not cause the beneficiary to exceed the 150 credit hour maximum for MET benefits.



The sweepstakes is open to any legal resident of Michigan 18 years of age or older at the time of entry. One winner will be randomly chosen on May 30, 2016.

[Enter now for the Celebrate 5/29 Day Sweepstakes](#). No purchase is necessary to enter. Please view our [complete list of sweepstakes rules](#).

Michigan Tuition Grant

The [Michigan Tuition Grant](#) program is available to undergraduate Michigan residents with financial need who plan to attend or are attending independent, degree-granting Michigan postsecondary institutions.

Eligibility:

- Demonstrate financial need.
- Must file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) prior to July 1, 2016 preceding Fall 2016 enrollment.
- Enroll at least half time at an approved independent, degree-granting Michigan postsecondary institution.
- Possess a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent.
- Be a Michigan resident since July 1 of the previous calendar year.
- Be a U.S. citizen, permanent resident, or approved refugee.

- Meet institution's satisfactory academic progress (SAP) policy.
- Not be incarcerated.
- Cannot be enrolled in a course of study leading to a degree in theology, divinity, or religious education.
- Must not be in default on a Federal/State student loan.

For more information, please contact Student Scholarships and Grants (SSG) at 1-888-4-GRANTS (1-888-447-2687) or email ssg@michigan.gov.

Check Your College Email Account

Here are some reminders about why it is important for students to use their college email account.

Colleges use email to transmit important information.

More and more colleges are sending students information solely through email. They may post some information on their Web site, but many colleges no longer send information to students via snail mail. When schools send information via email, they send only to their official college email list.



Students are held responsible for information sent via email.

If colleges send information via email – notices, deadlines, names of advisor, etc., they expect students to have the information and be responsible for it. Students who do not check their official email may miss key information and/or deadlines.

Checking a college email account is good practice for the professional world.

In many professions, employees have official business email accounts separate from their personal accounts. They are expected to check it frequently (sometimes constantly) and to use that email for business purposes. Colleges are following that lead. Having students check and use their official email will instill important habits for their professional life.

Email is a good way to stay connected during the summer.

Although a college may not be sending students a great deal of information over the summer, there may be some important notices. Checking email occasionally will allow the student to stay informed about upcoming deadlines or changing policies.

Source: College Parents of America

Register NOW for the 2016 High School Counselor Workshop



High School Counselors, College Access Partners, and Financial Aid Administrators, [registration is now available](#) for the 2016 Michigan High School Counselor Workshop, set for **Friday, October 28, 2016. There will be 40 host site locations around the state. The theme of the 2016 workshop is, **MI Student Aid "Helping Make College Accessible, Affordable, & Achievable!"****

Don't miss out on these hot topics:

MISSG Web Portal
2017-18 FAFSA Changes (including prior-prior year)
Special Populations
Federal/State Grants/Scholarships
Student Loans
College Access Resources
and more!

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Upcoming Events

May 20, 2016

4:00pm - 7:30pm
Oakland Mall
MET Booth Event
412 W. 14 Mile Road
Troy, MI 48083

May 24, 2016

12:00pm - 1:00pm
MET/MESP Webinar
[RSVP today](#) and instructions will be sent to you via email.



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